

vote will occur very early on Saturday morning, around 7:30 or so that morning. There could be several votes. We will work with the minority to find out, in fact, if they want these other votes. I hope we can make that determination tomorrow. We have some people for whom that would be very convenient, if they knew it would be a simple majority vote or whether we need 60 votes on some of the issues that might be raised. We have one Member, of course, who has to walk very early, a long ways, and others who will be terribly inconvenienced.

But unless we hear from our friends on the other side of the aisle, the vote will occur at 7:30 or so Saturday morning. That is tomorrow.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I understand H.R. 4314 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4314) to permit continued financing of Government operations.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

Mr. DURBIN. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business, it adjourn until 11 a.m., Friday, December 18; that the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of the House message with respect to H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense appro-

priations bill, postcloture, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that following any leader remarks, the time until 12 o'clock be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, and with the time from 12 o'clock until 4 p.m. equally divided and controlled in 30-minute alternating blocks of time, with the Republicans controlling the first block and the majority controlling the next block.

Further, I ask that the time until 4 p.m. count postcloture.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this morning cloture was invoked on the House message with respect to the Defense appropriations bill. If all postcloture time is used, the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to concur at approximately 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TODAY

Mr. DURBIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:47 a.m., adjourned until Friday, December 18, 2009, at 11 a.m.